







Understanding Medicaid's Budget: Matching Funds Overview

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Medicaid is public health insurance for low-income Coloradans who qualify. Medicaid is funded by state and federal funds. The percentage that the federal government pays depends the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) calculation and state and federal laws related to the populations covered. In recent years, Colorado has enacted laws that allow hospital provider fees and tobacco settlement money to pay the State's share for certain populations in order to reduce the burden on the General Fund. An overview of populations covered by Colorado Medicaid and their General Fund impact is below, more detailed information is at Colorado.gov/hcpf/budget-1 and on [page 9](#) of the Department's FY 2016-17 Budget Request: Medical Services Premiums Narrative.

% of Total Medicaid Population	State General Fund Impact	% of Total Medicaid Population	State General Fund Impact
 44% Children & Adolescents under age 20	Yes – Approximately 50% of costs are paid for by General Fund	 7% People with Disabilities in all age groups	Yes – Approximately 50% of costs are paid for by General Fund
 45% Adults ages 21-64	No – The federal government pays 100% of costs for most adults without kids and many parents until 2017, when the hospital provider fee pays for the state share of the costs.	 4% Older Adults 65 or older	Yes – Approximately 50% of costs are paid for by General Fund

